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In re Patent Application of:
Masataka HAMADA

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For: CAMERA FOR GETTING INFORMATION
UPON THREE-DIMENSIONAL SHAPE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Action dated June 23, 2004, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for taking the time to conduct a telephonic interview with applicant's representative on December 16, 2004, during which the Examiner and the applicant's representative discussed the applicability of Fujiwara (U.S. Patent No. 6,346,949) as a prior art reference. Applicant's representative noted that Fujiwara, which has an issue date of Feb. 12, 2002, and is assigned to Minolta Co., Ltd., of Osaka, Japan, only qualifies as prior art under 35 USC 102(e). Applicant's representative further noted that the subject matter of the claimed invention was, at the time the invention was made, subject to an obligation of assignment to Minolta Co., Ltd., of Osaka, Japan.